

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.  
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A draining unit for a press or maceration vat and a press including such units. The draining unit includes at least one elongated, profiled element (1) containing a plurality of spread-out holes (2), the element (1) extending along the internal wall (3) of the vat of the press and forming a drainage channel (4) together with the wall through contact at two longitudinal side edge. The profiled element (1) is interlocked with the wall (3) at one (5) of its side edges (5,5') by a connection (6) with an ability to pivot and to hold in the pivoted position, and is provided with at least one latching element (7,7') adapted to lock the profiled element (1) movably in a position with its two side edges (5,5') resting against the internal wall (3) so as to form the drainage channel (4).|